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SUBJECT: NOAA KA'IMIMOANA MARINE RESEARCH CLEARANCE REQUEST,
10/5/2006 - 12/4/2006, FILE NO. 2006079

REF: A.) WELLINGOTN 637; B.) STATE 130870

1. Embassy is in receipt of a letter from the Office of the Administrator of Tokelau at the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, granting vessel clearance for the Ka'imimoana during the period of October 5 - December 4, 2006. A copy of the letter has been faxed to OES/OA. The text of the letter is as follows:

2. Begin text:

"I refer to your letter of 15 August 2006 requesting a vessel clearance for Tokelau waters for the 'Ka'imimoana' during the period 5 October 2006 - 4 December 2006.

Tokelau has considered the request and accepted it. Consent is granted on the condition that New Zealand scientific representatives and Tokelau officials have access to all data and samples collected, and that research information is submitted after the conclusion of the research voyage.

The vessel should also inform the Fisheries Communication Centre for the New Zealand Ministry of Fisheries (fcc@fish.govt.nz) of the position and times it enters and exits Tokelau's EEZ."

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